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HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 48
46TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2003

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A JOINT MEMORIAL
REQUESTING THAT THE EXPLORA SCIENCE CENTER AND CHILDREN' S
MUSEUM AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC EDUCATION DEVELOP
PROCEDURES FOR INFORMING SCHOOL DISTRICTS ABOUT THE
AVAILABILITY AND USE OF EXPLORA AS AN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCE.

WHEREAS, the Explora science center and children's museum
is a facility in Albuquerque that serves as an educational
resource for school children throughout the state of New
Mexico; and

WHEREAS, Explora will be relocating to a new and much
larger facility in the museum corridor near the old town of
Albuquerque; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that all school districts in New
Mexico be informed about the availability of Explora and how it
can be used to enhance and augment science, technology and art

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1 instruction; and

2 WHEREAS, for school districts that are located a
3 significant distance from Albuquerque, procedures need to be
4 developed for overnight visits in the new facility that will
5 allow students to spend the night at Explora's new facility;
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7 WHEREAS, overnight visits to Explora will also allow
8 school children the time and opportunity to visit other museums
9 that are located near Explora's new facility in the museum
10 corridor;

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
12 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that it request the director of the Explora
13 science center and children's museum and the state department
14 of public education to develop procedures for informing school
15 districts about the availability of Explora as an educational
16 resource and for assisting school districts with planning
17 overnight visits to Explora; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the director of Explora and a
19 representative from the state department of public education
20 report to the legislative education study committee and the
21 legislative finance committee prior to October 31, 2003
22 regarding development of those procedures; and

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
24 transmitted to the director of the Explora science center and
25 children's museum, the superintendent of public instruction,

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2 the director of the legislative finance committee.

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